

dence against me, you would not certify to the account?

A.—I do not recollect, but if I have said so, it was said only in a joke. The perfume and most of the orders were supplied by the clerks. If goods are entered under a different name, I cannot say it was with Mr. McCallum's knowledge.

Ald. Kingston moved

"That this Council requests the Judge of the County Court of the County of Middlesex, in pursuance of the provisions of 'The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1883,' to investigate the several charges relating to the alleged malfeasance or neglect of duty preferred by Miss Cottle, the head nurse, and also those preferred by His Worship Mayor Hodgins against the Medical Superintendent of the City Hospital; and that the said Judge be requested to report to this Council as soon as convenient the result of his inquiry and the evidence taken thereon; and that the Clerk be instructed to forthwith forward to His Honor a copy of this resolution, and attached thereto a copy in writing of the said charges."

Ald. Hook seconded the motion.

In amendment, Ald. Stringer moved, seconded by Ald. Heaman, that the charges of the Mayor be referred to Dr. O'Reilly with the others.

The vote was then taken and the amendment declared lost, the motion to refer the matter to the County Judge being carried on the following division:—

Yeas—Taylor, Hiscox, O'Meara, Kingston, Hook, Dawson, Garrett, Boyd, Bartlett—9.

Nays—Davis, McDonald, Browne, Stringer, Heaman—5.

A by-law to amend the proposed by-law for granting bonuses to the West Ontario Pacific Railway, by substituting the name of Frederick Cryer for that of John Thorpe, as Deputy Returning Officer, was read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Ald. Taylor was permitted to defer the motion of which he had given notice.

On motion the Council adjourned for two weeks.

Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, August 25 1886.

A special meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber. Present, His Worship, Mayor Hodgins, in the chair; Ald. Taylor, Davis, Kingston, McDonald, Dawson, Garrett, Nulkins, Heaman, Bartlett, Hiscox, Boyd, Stringer.

His Worship said that he had called the meeting at the request of the Chairman of No. 3 Committee to consider a matter relative to the Hospital. Last week, he said, it had been decided to get the books from Dr. Belton, but they had not got them, and so Dr. Rourke could not go on with the affairs of the Hospital. The Chairman of the Committee asked the doctor for the books, but he refused to give them up. He had caused the City Clerk to write to Dr. Belton as follows:—

DEAR SIR,—In consequence of your refusal at the request of the Chairman of the Committee No. 3 of the City Council to deliver the books, etc., of the General Hospital, thereby occasioning great inconvenience to the proper working of that institution, I am directed to require you to deliver at my office all books, papers and accounts in your possession belonging to the General Hospital, together with all moneys being the property of the corporation, at my office, in the City Hall, at or before 8 o'clock this evening. In the event of your refusal so to do further proceedings will be taken. I am, etc., your obedient servant,

A. S. ABBOTT, City Clerk.

London, Aug. 24.

To this he received the following reply:

London, Aug. 24, 1886.

DEAR SIR,—Dr. Belton, a few minutes ago, handed us your letter of this date, received by him about 8.20 to-night, and requiring him to deliver books, etc., at your office at or before 8 o'clock this evening. It would not be possible for him to comply with your request within that time.

Your letter states:—"In consequence of your refusal, at the request of the Chairman of No. 3 Committee, to deliver the books, etc., of the General Hospital, thereby occasioning great inconvenience to the proper working of that institution."

Since then we have been expecting an application from the Solicitor, but received nothing until your letter was received at the hour stated.

Dr. Belton has examined some of the accounts, and as soon as completed, will, as we

estimated, forward them to you, so that no inconvenience will arise.

In consequence of the cruel, tyrannical and cowardly manner in which the doctor has been treated by the Mayor and one or two Aldermen, we have advised him that it would be unsafe for him to place the hospital books in the hands or power of his prosecutors till audited. We are quite willing at any time to allow the city auditors to examine them, but do not think he should, in justice to himself, give to others the opportunity their malice might invent to injure him.

In reply, we beg to say that Dr. Belton did not refuse to deliver up the books. An application was made to him by Ald. Boyd for the books to have the accounts certified. We wrote Ald. Boyd stating that the Doctor would examine, and if correct, certify to the accounts and send them to the City Clerk.

Ald. Boyd then came to our office. Mr. Mills, Mr. Purdon and Dr. Belton were present when Ald. Boyd said if the books were not given up at once he would place the matter in the City Solicitor's hands. Mr. Purdon replied that that would be quite satisfactory, as the Solicitor and he could not doubt arrange.

He will assist and give Dr. Rourke and the auditors any information in his power in order to enable matters to work as smoothly as circumstances will permit.

We should also say that the Mayor refused, when he suspended Dr. Belton, to allow him (as he requested to do) to make up the books so that the doctor who succeeded him would be able to continue his work without difficulty.

As soon as a reference to his cash book, etc., will permit, he will, of course, pay over to the Treasurer any cash in his hands.

Yours, truly,

PARKE, MILLS & PURDON.

A. S. ABBOTT, Esq., City Clerk, London.

Ald. Kingston moved that the Auditors be requested to audit the City Hospital books at once up to the date of Dr. Belton's suspension and hand the same over to the Medical Superintendent, who is temporarily in charge, pending the investigation asked for. Ald. Stringer seconded.

In amendment, Ald. Boyd moved, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that whereas Dr. Belton has refused to deliver the Hospital books to the City Clerk when called upon by His Worship the Mayor to do so, therefore resolved that this Council dispense with Dr. Belton's services as Medical